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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Wichita, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that seven individuals were indicted on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kansas. Those indicted include:

! Yolanda Ingrid Martin, 43, Frontenac, Kansas, is charged with two counts of making a false statement to the Social Security Administration on October 17, 2001, and December 16, 2002, when she stated on two Statements for Determining Continuing Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income Payments that she lived alone, when in fact, she lived with her husband, Ronald Martin.

If convicted, Martin faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

! Jeffrey Scott Rayfield, 21, Wichita, Kansas, is charged with one count of engaging in a sexual act on August 15, 2003, with a fourteen year old child, who was at least four years younger than Rayfield, within the boundaries of McConnell Air Force Base.

If convicted, Rayfield faces a maximum of fifteen years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI.

! Roberto Nunez-Espinoza, 35, address unknown, currently in custody, is charged with three counts of being illegally in the United States and possessing a handgun and two rifles on October 2, 2003, in Great Bend, Kansas.

If convicted, Nunez-Espinoza faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. This case was investigated by the FBI and the Great Bend Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster.

! Juan P. Santamaria, 40, Garden City, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 43.3 grams (approximately 1.53 ounces) of methamphetamine and one count of being in the United States illegally and possessing a sawed-off shotgun, both on September 10, 2003, in Finney County, Kansas.

If convicted, Santamaria faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and a maximum of ten years for being in the United States illegally and possessing a gun. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Finney County Sheriff's Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Furst.

! Steven E. Scales, 34, Tarentum, Pennsylvania, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute more than five kilograms (more than 11 pounds) of cocaine on November 10, 2003, in Thomas County, Kansas.

If convicted, Scales faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Kansas Highway Patrol and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

! Jesus Abel Quintana, 23, Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute more than 500 grams (more than 1.1 pounds) of cocaine on November 13, 2003, in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

If convicted, Quintana faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Furst.

! Jose A. Cantu, 26, Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute less than 500 grams (less than 1.1 pounds) of cocaine; one count of possession with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams (more than 1.76 ounces) of methamphetamine; one count of possession with the intent to distribute less than 50 kilograms (less than 110 pounds) of marijuana; and two counts of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, all on November 13, 2003, in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

If convicted, Cantu faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for possession with the intent to distribute cocaine; a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years for possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine; a maximum of five years for possession with the intent to distribute marijuana; and a minimum of five years

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for each count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Furst.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.